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Applicants hereby petition the Assistant Commissioner to grant a two (2) month extension of time for further response, up to and including June 27, 2006. A Notice of Appeal was filed on February 24, 2006, and received on February 27, 2006. The extension fee may be charged to deposit account No. 50-1047. In addition, any deficiencies may be charged to deposit account No. 50-1047.

In further response to the final Office Action mailed August 24, 2005, and prior to examination on the merits, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

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